

combed of colored man. The sponges are gathered by means of a long pole with a hook attached to the lower end with which the sponge fisherman is very expert. He lies prone upon his stomach in the stern of a boat looking through an ordinary water bucket with a glass bottom, which does away with the glare from the water and allows him to survey the bottom leisurely while the boatman rows or sculls the boat. A schooner lies at anchor near by, from which a half dozen or more of these small boats fish, which returns to port when it is loaded or at night, as the case may be. The men all share and share alike of the cargo, the captain receiving a larger portion, and the owner of the vessel one-fourth of the profit. Ancho-Harbor, in Hillsborough county, and Key West are the principal sponge stations off the coast of Florida. After the sponges are caught and carried to port they are thrown into a pen made by driving poles into the sand, where the water at ordinary tide is knee deep. In the meantime they have died. After they are thrown into this shallow water they are tramped upon by negroes, thus squeezing and forcing the animal matter out and leaving the remains or carcass of the sponge, which is the article of commerce so commonly used. Very few people know when they are peering with a sponge they are simply using the remains of a dead animal of the sponge being the lowest order of animal life. As has almost as many colors as there are varieties. It attaches itself firmly to the coral reefs, and is almost always found in connection with coral. The sponges along the coast of Florida act as a barometer for the yachtsman and sportsmen when they are out fishing or yachting. These old salts or sponges become very accurate in judging the weather, and rarely make a mistake about a storm. No matter how promising a day may look, an experienced sailor either remains in port or turns back when he sees the sponges coming in from the reefs, and experience proves they do not make mistakes. In this connection it is also a fact that the large birds of the Gulf can be found in the little bays and inlets when there is going to be a storm. In the same space with the sponges are many beautiful specimens of sea weed and coral.

The musical event of the Exposition will be the series of concerts given from June 24th to 27th by the North American Saengerbund. The directors of this great festival are: Messrs. John Lund and Henry Jacobson. Singing societies from Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Chicago, Milwaukee, Jackson and Toledo will be here. The chorus will be 5,000 strong. Prominent among the soloists are James Schumann-Reinke and Lillian Blauvelt, Evan Williams and D. Efrangon Davies.

Mr. Lund was educated in the Conservatory at Leipzig, and has served as assistant director in the Metropolitan Opera House with Walter Damrosch. He is one of the most thoroughly equipped musicians in this country. The rehearsals have been conducted under his immediate supervision, and the programs, which are made up of the choicest classic selections, have been mainly arranged by him. With "Sousa and his band," a number of other bands and leading organists from all parts of the country the musical feature of the Exposition for the coming week will come up to the expectations of the most sanguine.

Mr. William Scott, assistant superintendent of horticulture for the Pan-American Exposition, who is in entire charge of floriculture, has been wonderfully successful with the 4,000 rose trees which he planted near the Woman's Building several months ago. Among these 4,000 rose trees there are fifty varieties, 10,000 roses are now blooming, making a wilderness of beauty which must be seen to be appreciated. Mr. Scott says there will be 20,000 in bloom next week. Notable among this collection are the Jacquinet, the LaFrance, the Paul Neyron and the Ulrich Bruner. Mr. Scott is enthusiastic in his love of roses. He inherits the aptitude with which he cares for flowers of every description. His father was gardener for twenty years in the south of England for a well-known British peer, and the son has lived among flowers all his life. Their culture is practically second nature with him. The profusion of flowers forms a most attractive adjunct to the beauties of the Exposition.

The Florida exhibit in the Horticulture Building continues to excite unusual interest because of the semi-tropical character. The fruit exhibit is very large and varied. It is estimated that 5,000 people each day taste the fruits here exhibited. As soon as the fruits get too old for exhibition purposes, they are cut up and the visitors given an opportunity to taste them. A fruit, unusual in this part of the country, is the pomelo. The amount of this fruit produced is increasing rapidly, but not sufficiently to keep pace with the demand. Mr. Weir was offered fifty cents apiece for the 300 specimens which he has on exhibition. A thousand specimens were on exhibition earlier in the season. The exhibit of pine-apples will be very fine later in the season. One pine-apple is shown weighing ten pounds, and others will be seen later twice this size. There will be 1,000 exhibited in August that will weigh 15 pounds. Mr. Weir says the secret of growing pine-apples so large is found in the fact that they are grown under half shade, slats four

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inches wide and four inches apart covering the plants. The necessity of this is due to the delicacy of the plant, which makes it necessary to protect them from the cold and sun. The largest ones have been produced in this manner. An acre of pine-apples is on an average worth about \$10,000. Each plant reproduces six plants in the shape of suckers. These are transplanted and in this manner the pine-apples are propagated. The parent plant has one plant which grows from the root, and when the old plant is cut away the young plant continues to grow and blooms in about three months and bears fruit three months later. Several fruits are shown in jars. Among these are extremely large pears. Growing pine-apples and a large number of coconuts in the husk are shown, the latter with a section of the husk removed, so that the coconut itself is seen imbedded in the husk. A fine exhibit of guava jelly is shown. Products of the palmetto coffee and metto which are tonics, palmetto wine, portieres made from the bark, and brushes made from the roots of the tree are exhibited. The booth which covers the entrance of the pavilion is covered with palmetto leaves such as are used in many buildings in Florida. A bale of palmetto is shown from which mattresses are made. Other fruits and vegetables are shown on a large table in the centre of the exhibit.

Two cases along one end of the exhibit show palmetto products and interesting relics of the Semple Indians. Several alligator skins tanned by these Indians are to be seen. The sponges from the coast of Florida comprise many different specimens. Among more unusual varieties are the sheep wool sponge and the grass sponge.

In the Alabama exhibit the State House at Montgomery which has been reproduced in corn, is heavily draped in crape on account of the death of the Governor of that State. Mr. Roscoe Gorman, the Commissioner from Alabama, left on the first train after the news of the death of the Governor was received.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, June 22.—There is little doubt that another perversion of justice is to be added to the long list of those that have been perpetrated in the course of our dealings with the Indian tribes. The last Congress surreptitiously passed, as a rider on a bill ratifying a treaty with one tribe of Indians, a clause ratifying another with the Apaches, Comanches and Kiowas, by which these tribes agreed to accept lands in severalty on their reservation on Oklahoma, and to allow the rest to be thrown open to settlement. Later, after Congress had adjourned, it developed that this treaty had never been accepted by the Indians under the terms of the existing treaty made in 1868, and "Lone Wolf" and other Indians brought suit in the District here to have the new law set aside. Now, however, Justice Bradley has denied the prayer, holding in effect—that what has so often been held before—that no treaty made by the United States is binding if Congress chooses to negative it by a later act of legislation. The Constitution says that treaties and acts of Congress shall be the supreme law of the land—one equally with the other. Hence Justice Bradley held that if the act were violative of the treaty of 1868, the remedy rested with Congress, not with the judiciary. He said that the right of the Indians to the reservation was a possessory one only; that the wrong threatened by the execution of the act is a wrong to the tribe as a tribe, and that the suit cannot be maintained by members of the tribe as individuals. Now that the case is decided, it is believed that the President, in about ten days, will issue his proclamation opening to settlement the Kiowa, Comanche, Apache and Wichita lands.

Not content with attacking Russia with a causeless imposition of the countervailing duty on sugar—in direct opposition it is said, to an official opinion handed down by the Attorney-General of the United States, Secretary Gage has recently gone further and forced retaliation by imposing duties on Russian petroleum coming by way of Great Britain. Naturally Russia has taken fresh umbrage at what seems to be a premeditated assault on her trade, and has taken and will take further steps to get even. It is most significant that the new laws under which Secretary Gage assumes to act—including that under which he has just barred Italian sugar—have been in force for over three years, and have

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never been enforced against either Russia or Italy. Their sudden enforcement provokes inquiry into the cause thereof, and it appears that Russian sugar has just begun to menace the profits of the sugar trust, and that the Standard Oil Company and the Russian oil people, who had an agreement to divide the world between them, have just fallen out, and are now fighting each other tooth and nail. Possibly Secretary Gage knew nothing of these facts and then again possibly he did.

Scandals in connection with the work of Fred W. Peck, at the Paris Exposition, will, it seems never cease. The latest arises out of the attempt of A. S. Capehart, who drew salary of \$400 a month from the Government for editing the report on the Exposition, to extort about four times its value by peddling copies of it. Mr. Capehart has sent out circulars about these in which he says: "In ordering this report to be printed, Congress did not provide copies for general public distribution. Under the law which permits a citizen to purchase not exceeding 250 copies of any public document from the Public Printer by ordering in advance of printing and paying cost of production, plus 10 per cent, I have secured this number of full sets of the Paris Exposition report. These copies I am having bound in silk cloth, gilt lettered, appropriate for library purposes. Owing to the limited number of impressions of this six-volume, highly-illustrated publication, the cost of production has been considerably above the average." He then offers the set of six volumes at \$80 a set, although it is stated at the Government Printing Office here that the cost of printing is only \$3.60 a set. This seems to be an unusually bungling attempt to sell at an extortionate price a very stupid report.

Senator Jones of Arkansas has given out an interview in which he outlines what he believes will be the issues of the next Congress and their bearing on the next election. He thinks that the chief issue will be the Philippine question which he says the Supreme Court has by no means settled. "The Supreme Court," he says, "simply declared that Congress will have to deal with the Philippines. As soon as Congress meets it must take up the whole problem, and therein will be the open-

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ing skirmish of the campaign. Until the Supreme Court acted, the question was: "Does the constitution follow the flag?" The question now is: "Ought the Constitution to follow the flag?" If the Republican majority in Congress which will be responsible for all that is done, shall by its action declare that the Constitution ought not to follow the flag, I think that there will be a day of reckoning at the polls which will surprise the Republican leaders. I cannot assume to speak for the Democratic party but for myself, I do not believe that we have the right to hold any people as vassals and subjects. I believe that any people coming under the control of the United States have the protection of the Constitution, and can enjoy all the rights and privileges which that document affords. Unless they have these rights and privileges we have no right to bring them under our subjection. I think, therefore, we ought to give the Filipinos our earnest, sympathetic and material support in their effort to establish a government of their own, and should set them free and stand up for them against the world.

Are the people of the United States more imperial as a whole than they used to be? It would seem so from the calm acceptance of things that a few years ago created great excitement. It will be remembered how when President Cleveland took a trip down the Potomac upon a Government vessel he was savagely criticized by the press for such flagrant use of Government property for his personal pleasure. A few weeks ago the President of the United States traveled all the way across the continent and back at the expense of the transcontinental railways which spent some \$40,000 in order to give the President proper facilities and entertainment. Without a penny of cost to himself, the President and his party were taken across the continent and back in regal style. Yet no one has offered criticism.

Information Desired.

The rural postoffice is the bureau of general information no less so in Georgia than in Vermont, and the Atlanta Constitution reports a conversation precipitated by an old lady who approached the village postmaster and said:

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LEARNING A TRADE.

The Danger of Making a Specialist of a Beginner.

It is generally to the interest of an employer that an apprentice should not learn his trade as a whole, but only a little section of it, says Joseph Horner in Cassier's Magazine. It pays better to keep a lad repeating the performance of one section of his craft than to teach him all. More money is made. But the apprentice becomes a young specialist, a prig in his teens, cocksure over some little piece of handicraft at which he may earn something over his normal wages, and many a lad does not become disillusioned until he has to face the world and try his luck in other shops.

And therefore the best shops in which to place a lad are not the big establishments, but the small ones, where every class of work is done and where tools and appliances are often scant. A lad will learn more in these than in those replete with every appliance and minutely subdivided into sections and groups.

The best training for a lad today is that which he can evolve for himself. The greatest evil that can befall him is to become a specialist and nothing more while in his teens. Yet that is what must happen if he spends several years tending machines or doing repetitive, unvarying tasks in one big establishment.

The best training, therefore, today is that gathered by the peripatetic youth. If a lad cannot gain experience in one place, he should move about, gathering as much as he can accumulate with one firm, then on to another, and attending training schools as opportunity offers. His views become broadened, he becomes self-reliant, and in time, having found his true work, he may settle down as a specialist.

DRESS UP FOR SUICIDE.

Said to Be an Invariable Rule With Women Seeking Death.

"If I should ever be called upon to furnish indisputable proof of the inherent pride of woman," said a police sergeant, "I would point at once to her invariable rule of dressing up in her best clothes when she goes out to commit suicide. In my experience on the force I have had occasion to handle a good many suicides and afterward investigate their personal affairs, and in every instance I have found that the poor unfortunates prepared themselves for death by donning their best bib and tucker.

"The majority of the printed reports of suicides say that the clothes of the dead woman were 'good' or 'well made' or 'elegant.' If the woman contemplating suicide owns a silk waist, she wears it. Her broadcloth skirt and silk petticoat naturally go with this garment, and she selects her best shoes.

"I have looked up the history of many of these respectably clad suicides and have found that they owned but one gown with which they could make a decent appearance on the street and that that one good dress was chosen without exception as the appropriate garb in which to make the exit from this world's stage. It makes no difference what manner of death is chosen, the costume is carefully selected.

"Let a woman sleep her life away under the influence of drugs or burn her soul out with acids or sink into the slime of the river, she clothes herself in her most becoming garments and seeks the end with apparent tranquility. Her instinct of gentility and elegance in clothes is with her to the last, and even in the face of death she shrinks

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than 1,095 lunar mountains. The Doerl mountains supply an instance of great elevation, the peaks of the three leading ones being between 25,000 and 28,000 feet high. Among other lunar peaks may be mentioned Huyghens, 21,000 feet; Hadley, 15,000 feet; Bradley, 13,000 feet, and Wolf, 11,000 feet.

Embalming.
"Practically," says an undertaker quoted by the Philadelphia Record, "every corpse nowadays is embalmed. Perhaps not one body in a hundred is buried without having the fluid injected, and that settles it. You won't read your obituary notices then. People are coming to realize this more and more, and the old dread of being buried alive is fast dying out. But these nervous individuals have got to have some sort of post mortem bugaboo to worry them. If it isn't one thing, it's another, and as soon as you convince them that they are not going to be buried alive they get grave robbers on the brain. That's why we are now making a specialty of burglar proof caskets. Fact, I assure you."

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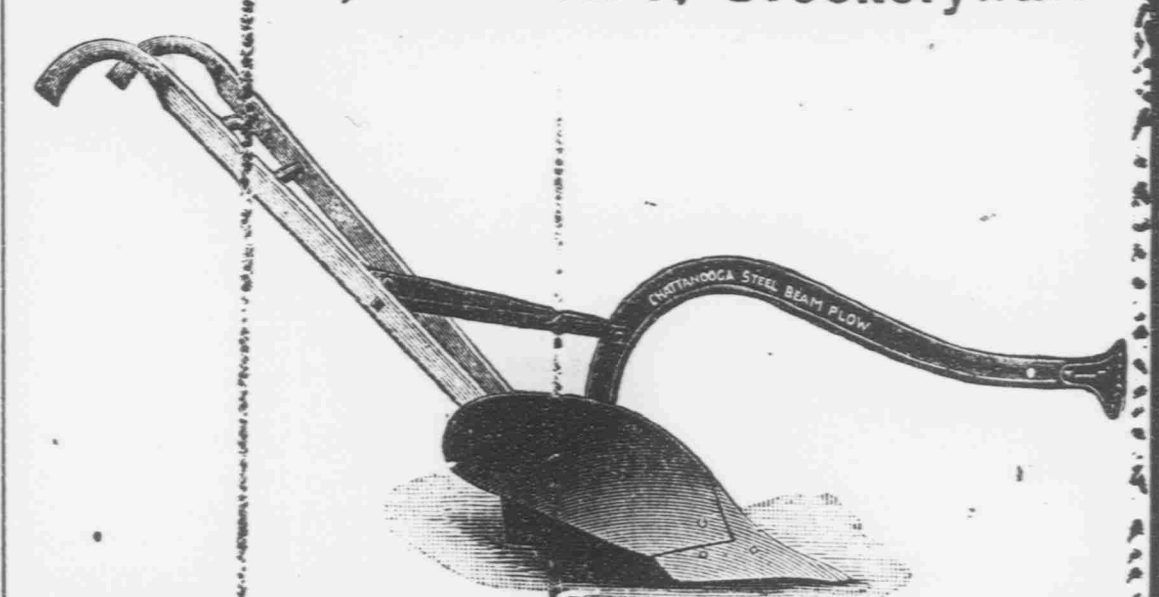
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